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SUBJECT: SALVADORAN/HONDURAN BORDER DISPUTE: OAS  
OBSERVERS

REFS: 1) GUATEMALA 5397(NOTAL) 2) GUATEMALA 5417 (NOTAL)  
3) TEGUCIGALPA 3694 (NOTAL)

1. OAS PERM COUNCIL MET AM JULY 31 AS MEETING OF CONSUL-  
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MILITARY OBSERVERS TO EL SALVADOR AND HONDURAS TO OVERSEE

WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS BY EACH COUNTRY FROM BORDER AREA.

2. THREE GUARANTORS (COSTA RICA, NICARAGUA AND GUATEMALA) OF SALVADOR/HONDURAS TRUCE INFORMED OAS JULY 30 THAT TWO SIDES AGREED TO WITHDRAW TROOPS FROM BORDER AREA TO REDUCE TENSION WHICH HAS BEEN BUILDING DURING LAST TWO WEEKS. THEY REQUESTED UNSPECIFIED NUMBER MILITARY OBSERVERS TO OVERSEE OPERATION.

3. COMMITTEE OF SEVEN IS MEETING THIS AFTERNOON TO TRANSLATE THIS MORNING'S DECISION INTO SPECIFICS. WE UNDERSTAND COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION WILL BE THAT EACH OF THE SEVEN PROVIDE THREE MIDDLE GRADE OFFICERS AND THAT ARGENTINA WILL SEND A GENERAL OFFICER TO COMMAND THE CONTINGENT. TRANSPORTATION AND PER DIEM WILL BE PAID BY OAS.

4. WE HAVE CONSULTED DOD AND HAVE AUTHORIZED AMBASSADOR MAILLIARD TO OFFER THREE OFFICERS, LT. COLONEL OR LOWER, AS OUR CONTRIBUTION. BECAUSE OF OUR PAST ROLE IN URGING RESTORATION OF PEACE IN AREA, WE ARE CLEARLY EXPECTED TO PROVIDE OBSERVERS. OUR OFFER TO PARTICIPATE CONFORMS WITH SECRETARY'S POLICY OF REINFORCING PEACEKEEPING ROLE OF OAS.

5. THERE ARE INDICATIONS OAS WILL ALSO REQUEST THAT MEMBERS PROVIDE LOGISTIC SUPPORT, ON REIMBURSABLE BASIS, FOR THE OBSERVERS. WE EXPECT REQUESTS FOR HELICOPTERS, COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, ETC., WHICH WE UNDERSTAND SOUTHCOM CAN PROVIDE.

6. WE WILL FURNISH MORE DETAILS ON COMPOSITION, TIMING AND LOGISTIC NEEDS OF OBSERVER OPERATION WHEN COMMITTEE OF SEVEN HAS THEM WORKED OUT. KISSINGER

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